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What an exciting time for Bethel College. We are celebrating her 65th anniversary. The college has a rich and wonderful heritage, both academically and spiritually, including faithful founders and a legacy of committed presidents.

God's blessing in recent decades has never been greater. The college's institutional narrative has stayed true to its founders' dream of keeping “Christ at the Helm.”

The 15-year tenure of Norman Bridges, Ph.D., beginning in 1989, was highlighted by a renewal of spiritual vitality, the maturing of a committed Christian faculty, and new construction that has transformed the physical face of the campus.

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As you know, President Cramer has announced his retirement at the conclusion of this academic year on June 30, 2013. The Bethel board of trustees and campus community appreciate the strong and faithful leadership that has stayed true to its founders' dream of keeping the college Christian, small, and affordable.

With such a God-honoring past, we as a board believe Bethel's best years are just ahead. The opportunity to serve are plentiful and our society needs Bethel graduates who are prepared to change the world for Christ.

The Bethel board of trustees has authorized a national search for our next president. As alumni and friends of the college, we ask that you remember to pray for God's blessing on the search as well as the college community during this year of transition. Our task as a search committee is to diligently follow a process of transparency and confidentiality that allows the board of trustees to make the final selection for its next president.

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Sincerely,

Richard E. Felix, Ph.D., Chairman of the Presidential Search Committee
Brian L. Hamill (’82), Chairman of the Bethel Board of Trustees

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Three Generations of Graduates

After 65 years of Spirited Connections, Bethel has reached the age where we are now able to celebrate three generations of alumni graduates within individual families. As part of our 65th anniversary celebration, we are pleased to introduce some of them to our reading audience. We have taken a strict genealogical approach to this project and have not included spouses or additional family members who are not a part of the three-generation line.

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“One of my favorite memories of Bethel goes back to my childhood. The number of faculty and staff working at Bethel was much smaller back then, and there would be occasional family nights in Goodman. There was carry-in food, activities on the gym floor and, best of all, an Olympic-size trampoline up on the stage. That was so much fun! I couldn’t wait for the next gathering so I could see if I could jump higher than the last time.”

– STEPHEN MATTESON

“How to Build Your Bethel Legacy

• Refer Bethel family members to the admission office: BethelCollege.edu/Refer
• Bring family members on campus for theater, music and sporting events (see p. 31)
• Talk about your Bethel experience to family members

“Many of our closest friends are colleagues from Bethel. As a close-knit group, we have gone on many vacations and our kids have grown up together. Bethel has given us a common ground to build relationships that honor Christ.”

– AARON CARPENTER
As a student, Bethel became my home away from home. It was an easy transition to join the Bethel family as a staff member several years after graduating. My children grew up on Bethel’s campus going to sports camps, competing at International Quiz Finals and tagging along as I helped out backstage during theatre productions. When our son and daughter made Bethel their college choice, the family tradition continued.”

- JEANNE FOX

“I think a Bethel memory for me was when my grandparents got to come visit me on campus. I was a freshman, still finding my place at Bethel, and I remember seeing their eyes fill with tears as they talked about the memories that Bethel held for them.”

- NATHANIEL HAMIL
7th Graders Become College Students for a Day
About 130 students from Jefferson Intermediate in South Bend, Ind., experienced “college for a day” over a two-day period at Bethel. The schedule included visits to classrooms, information sessions about applying to college and for financial aid, as well as a campus tour and even graduation at the end of the day.

First Intercultural Festival
The center for intercultural development (CID) planned its first intercultural festival last semester. The festivities included a gospel concert and fashion show, chapel service, silent auction and heritage meal. In the future, CID wants to celebrate all the different cultures on campus for a week.

Nontraditional Programs Adds Degree
Nontraditional programs added criminal justice to their degree offerings this fall. Other programs include Bible and ministry, business, early childhood education, general studies, human services, nursing, BSN completion and organizational management.

Breaking Ground for Bookstore and Coffeehouse Expansion
Bethel held a groundbreaking ceremony for the expansion of the Bethel Bookstore, which will also include the school’s coffeehouse, Sufficient Grounds. On the bookstore side there will be expanded space to allow growth in areas such as consumer electronics and a convenience store. It will also include space for reading and study. The coffeehouse side will offer space similar to the current location on McKinley Avenue, but with the addition of some meeting space and a “stage” area to host “unplugged” acoustic events. Construction for the $1.1 million facility is expected to be completed in November.

Class of ’12 and ’62 Build Amphitheatre
A new 60-seat amphitheater has been added to campus. You’ll find this outdoor classroom, and hopefully small performance site, located on the south side of the Dining Commons next to the steps. This $11,000 project was completely funded by donations from the class of 2012 and the 50-year class of 1962.

Bethel Recognized as a Top Tier College
Bethel earned the 24th spot among the Midwest’s Best Baccalaureate Colleges in the 2013 edition of “America’s Best Colleges” by U.S. News Media Group. Nationally, there are more than 370 schools in the Regional Colleges category, and overall Bethel came in at 60. That puts Bethel in the top 16 percent of all Baccalaureate Colleges. This is the ninth consecutive year that Bethel has been ranked as a top tier school. All the rankings are available at usnews.com/colleges.

Bethel Hosts Community Forum to Combat Poverty
The business department hosted Seek the Welfare of the City, a two-night conference, in the Everest-Rohrer Chapel/Fine Arts Center — Auditorium on Oct. 2 and 3. Sponsored by the Heritage Foundation, a research and educational think tank, the panelists explored proven measures to overcome the issues of poverty in the South Bend/Mishawaka community and beyond. The overarching goal was to give audience members a better understanding of the root causes of poverty. The speakers and panelists helped to educate participants on public policies that are reducing poverty, along with how churches, nonprofits and businesses can effectively contribute to alleviating poverty in the community.

From High School to Ministry in Five Years
The Master of Christian Ministries is a new, seamless five-year (combined undergraduate/graduate) degree that effectively educates and prepares students for pastoral ministry. It connects students to their futures faster than the traditional seven-year path to a Master of Divinity, allowing them to begin their careers sooner.

The Christian Ministries course work will begin with Ministry 101, offered every spring. In addition to general education courses, the program includes:

- Biblical languages (Hebrew and Greek, 3-4 semesters)
- Spiritual formation (six semesters)
- Old & New Testament (three-four semesters each)
- Theology & philosophy
- Pastoral care
- Church leadership
- Church management & administration
- Homiletics (two semesters)
- Preaching labs (year four)
- A six-month internship at a partner church (year four)
- Advanced preaching (year five)
- Opportunities for scholarship (year five)

For more information, call 800.422.4101 or apply today at BethelCollege.edu/Apply.
Eby Named Professor of the Year

Kent Eby (’94), Ph.D., assistant professor of mission and the director of the intercultural studies program, was named Professor of the Year by a referendum ballot. Eby, a fervent teacher who enthusiastically guides students into the worlds of Christian mission and intercultural studies, is concerned for students extends beyond the classroom. He mentors them, listens to them, teaches them on field trips, models Christian discipleship and enriches their thinking through probing dialogue. Students love Eby and organized the campaign for this award.

Professors and Alumni Contribute to Book Project

Four Bethel professors and alumni recently collaborated on a book project, “The Activist Impulse: Essays on the Intersection of Evangelicalism and Anabaptism,” which was released earlier this year by Pickwick Publications. Contributors include Associate Professor of Religion and Philosophy Tim Erdel, Instructor of Writing Joel Boeheims and former adjunct instructors and alumni David Cramer and Matthew Eaton. The 14-chapter project provides insights on multiple characteristics that Evangelicals and Anabaptists share and includes a chapter on the history and theology of the Missionary Church, as well as other essays on relevance to Bethel College. You can purchase the book at Amazon.com.

Exploring the Nature of Forgiveness

Christian Mihut (’97), Ph.D., assistant professor of philosophy, recently received a $43,500 research grant funded by the John Templeton Foundation on behalf of The Character Project at Wake Forest University. Mihut submitted his proposal under the Theology of Character competition entitled “New Frontiers in the Theology of Character.” Mihut’s research topic focuses on theological and secular conceptions of forgiveness. Mihut must attend and present his findings during a three-day conference in June of 2013, as well as submit a chapter-length version of his findings for a publication entitled “The Character Project: New Perspectives in Psychology, Philosophy, and Theology.”

Morris Retires

Robert Morris, D.Min., associate faculty in religion, retired after spending 15 years teaching a variety of Bible courses. Licensed for ministry in 1954, Morris has had a long and influential career in the ministry, pastoring in Oregon and Washington for 24 years (1954-1971, 1974-1988). He taught Greek, biblical and theology at Vennard College in Iowa from 1971-1974, and he returned to be the academic dean at Vennard from 1988-1989. He then took the role of conference superintendent in the North Central Conference of the Evangelical Church for eight years before retiring from full-time leadership in 1997. He moved to the Mishawaka area and began teaching Greek and Bible at Bethel College in 1989.

Stump Co-Edits Book

Professor of Philosophy Jim Stump (’99), Ph.D., recently co-edited the book “The Blackwell Companion to Science and Christianity.” The volume addresses major historical developments, methodological approaches and significant figures in the discipline. It also engages with both mutually supportive and contrasting ideas about evolution, Christian theism, cosmology and physics, the human sciences, metaphysics and perspectives on mind. You can purchase the book at Amazon.com.

Gillum Steps Up as New Nursing Dean

Deborah Gillum, Ph.D., replaced Carol Dorough, Ed.D., as Bethel’s new dean of nursing on July 1. Gillum is no stranger to Bethel. In 2004, she was hired as an adjunct faculty member in the nursing department. She eventually moved into roles as assistant professor and associate dean of nursing. Earlier in her career, she served as a staff nurse and family nurse practitioner at several facilities. She successfully defended her research, “Cardiovascular Knowledge, Beliefs and Healthcare Practices of Old Order Amish of Northern Indiana,” and graduated with a doctorate in nursing from Rush University Medical Center in 2010.

Webmaster Writes Book

Joshua Guillojde (’03), Bethel webmaster and adjunct faculty member, recently published “Building A Modern & Complex Website: The Easy Way, With MODX Revolution.” It’s a practical guide to explain how to use MODX and understand its strategies while getting the most out of your website with the least amount of work. This book is intended for those who have at least a basic understanding of HTML/CSS and are beginners to MODX and/or a CMS product. You can purchase it at Amazon.com.

Meister Releases New Book

Zondervan recently published “Christian Apologetics: An Anthology of Primary Sources” by Chad Meister, Ph.D., professor of philosophy and theology. This fascinating collection provides selected readings addressing key issues in the history of Christian apologetics. Selections are taken from history’s most notable defenders of Christian faith—including Saint Augustine, C.S. Lewis and Pope Benedict XVI. In all, more than 50 significant writings are arranged topically with introductions, author images, discussion questions, a bibliography and an author index.

Geoghan Receives Doctorate

Darlene Geoghan (’03), Ed.D., assistant professor of nursing, recently finished her doctorate of education from Walden University. She completed her dissertation on “Factors Associated with Critical Care Nurse Use of Evidence Based Practice.”

Helmuth Returns as Admission Director

Andrea Helmuth (’95) returns to Bethel as the director of admissions. Helmuth served as Bethel’s director of admissions from 1999-2003 before relocating to Biola University, where she spent the past nine years as the associate director of admissions. Helmuth also serves as the NACCAP (North American Coalition for Christian Admissions Professionals) vice president of professional development and sits on the executive council.

Eskridge Receives Award

Irene Eskridge, instructor of education and assistant director of education, received the “New Black Woman Award” at the 56th Annual Drifters Convention in Orlando, Fla. Eskridge received the award for her outstanding Drifter involvement/activities, attendance, Drifter conventions and contributions to education, community and civic involvement. She is also the immediate national past president for the organization. During her four years as president, Eskridge built the organization by adding three new chapters, creating a website and increasing scholarships for women.

Although it was hard to see the for sale sign in the front lawn of her Georgia home, Barbara Bellefeuille, Ed.D., is now much closer to her Midwestern roots in her new role as vice president for academic services at Bethel.

“As I was looking for higher ed positions for which I am qualified, I came across Bethel,” she says. “It is very clearly a college that has stayed on mission. I wanted to be a part of a college that was Christ-centered and focused.”

Bellefeuille, who was hired this past summer, had previously spent about 30 years in the South, most recently working for Toccoa Falls College in Toccoa Falls, Ga.

Now the Michigan native is Bethel’s second female vice president after Kathy Gribbin (’76), Ph.D., who was promoted to vice president in 2010.

“To be second means that someone has broken the glass ceiling for me,” Bellefeuille jokes, adding that everyone — male and female — who she’s met at Bethel has been very welcoming.

Bellefeuille is no stranger to this distinction; she was the first female vice president at her former institution.

“In my new role, Bellefeuille not only wants to be open and listen, but she also wants to maintain Bethel’s focus of hiring sound faculty who are committed to their faith and who are well-trained professionally.”

“I feel that a college is only truly as strong as its faculty,” she says. “And in order to maintain a mission-stong college, we need to sustain the hiring of strong faculty.”

Bellefeuille looks forward to working with the solid programs Bethel has to offer, especially the graduate programs, of which her former institution had none.

Even though she’ll miss the mild winters, the lack of snow and the people she’s come to know in Georgia, Bellefeuille looks forward to enjoying the beautiful Midwestern summers, being closer to her family and the Great Lakes.

“I have been involved in Christian higher education for a long time and have come to love it, she says. “I really feel that I don’t want to be involved in a profession other than Christ-centered college education.”

— Yonika Willis

Leading ACADEMICS

Meet Bethel’s new V.P.

The Arts

2012-2013 SCHEDULE
WEAVER GALLERY

— Yonika Willis

Professor Debuts Ceramic Exhibit

Associate Professor Suzanne Mauro recently debuted her installation, “Where There Was Nothing, Now There Are Roses,” in Bethel’s Weaver Art Gallery. The show was an extension of Mauro’s 2011 show, “The Flower Girls,” with a theme of spiritual transformation. Mauro used a combination of porcelain and stoneware to make three-dimensional forms. Creating her art involves wheel throwing, slab, slip-cast fabric and pinching, a process she’s perfected during the last 15 years of her ceramics career.

Jessi Lenych Loyd Art Exhibit

Opening Reception: Friday, Nov. 30, 2012, 5-7 p.m.

Women Painters of Bethel Art Exhibit

Opening Reception: Friday, Jan. 18, 2013, 5-7 p.m.
Gallery Dates: Jan. 19-Feb. 9

Sixth Annual Juried Student Art Exhibit

Opening: Friday, Feb. 15, 2013, 5-7 p.m.
Gallery Dates: Feb. 16-March 30

Senior Thesis Show 2013

Opening Reception: Friday, April 5, 2013, 5-7 p.m.
Gallery Dates: April 6-May 4

The Weaver Art Gallery is located in the Everest-Rohrer Chapel/Fine Arts Center. For more information about the gallery, call 574.487.7022.

In the fall of 1947, Bethel College opened its doors to nearly 100 students with The Reverend Woodrow I. Goodman as the school’s first president. In 65 years, five more presidents and one interim president followed. Take a look back through time and discover each Bethel president’s legacy.


The Rev. Ray P. Pannabecker, a former pastor, began at Bethel as its first business manager, while also teaching Bible, public speaking, and social studies. Before he took on the role as president in 1959, he served as a Missionary Church district superintendent and editor of the denomination’s publication, The Gospel Banner. As president, Pannabecker acquired 27 additional acres and built the Middleton Hall of Science, the Oakwood-Slater Residence Hall and a maintenance building. Pannabecker also ushered in Bethel’s intercollegiate athletic programs. In 1970, a revival sparked by the Holy Spirit moved students to pray in the auditorium for hours. The next year, the college achieved full accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

The Rev. Albert J. Beutler, Ph.D. (1929-)

The Rev. Albert J. Beutler, Ph.D. (Michigan State University), was the first alumnus to serve as president of Bethel. Beutler came to campus in 1947 with the inaugural freshman class and graduated in 1951. After graduation, he became dean of students and dean of men, then also the school’s first men’s basketball coach in 1958. In 1966, he became Bethel’s first Alumnus of the Year, after leaving Bethel to become the dean of student services at Indiana University South Bend. He would later return to Bethel to serve as the third president. Beutler is credited with constructing the Dining Commons and the Eastwood Apartments and planning for the Bowen Library. In addition, he is responsible for eliminating operational debt, increasing assets by 60 percent, creating an associate degree with 11 concentration areas and a master’s degree in Christian education. His doctoral dissertation recounts the early years of the school: “The Founding and History of Bethel College of Indiana” (1947-1972).

In 1965, Pannabecker puts the first shovel in the ground to begin construction for the Middleton Hall of Science.

In 1971, Pannabecker is welcomed on campus and shares the good news that Bethel College received official accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

In 1977, Beutler looks on as a time capsule is buried in the cornerstone of the Student Center. Today it is called the Dining Commons.

Read Goodman’s full bio and leave comments about your memories of him at BethelCollege.edu/Goodman.

Read Pannabecker’s full bio and leave comments about your memories of him at BethelCollege.edu/Pannabecker.

Read Beutler’s full bio and leave comments about your memories of him at BethelCollege.edu/Beutler.
Walter L. Weldy (1940-)  

A banker by profession, Walter L. Weldy gave invaluable guidance to Bethel as an interim president for one year during a period of financial duress. He had previously served on the Bethel board of directors in the early 1970s and also as the board treasurer. While serving as president, he maintained his private business and financial consulting firm in Wakarusa. His first action was to move the college toward a more solid financial foundation. In addition, he made sure that the school’s business and administrative obligations were met until a new president could be found.

Read Weldy’s full bio and leave comments about your memories of him at BethelCollege.edu/Weldy.

Steven R. Cramer, Ph.D. (1950-)  

Steven R. Cramer, Ph.D. (Indiana State University), was inaugurated as Bethel’s sixth president in 2004. A 1976 Bethel graduate in music and its 2002 Alumnus of the Year, he worked for Bethel in admission from 1973-1975 and in church relations from 1982-1984; he then returned once more in 1987 as Bethel’s vice president for institutional advancement. During his presidency, Bethel’s study abroad offerings were expanded, the music department received NASM accreditation and the campus became more intentional in its multi-ethnic programming. Cramer worked to secure the long-term financial future of Bethel during a period of national economic crisis. He is credited with multiple building projects, including the Pannabecker Math and Science Laboratories, a new west campus entrance and a renovated Helm, the Lodge residence hall, a renovated Dining Commons and an enlarged College Bookstore/coffee shop. The campus borders were also expanded during his tenure with the purchase of approximately 13 acres to the south.

Read Cramer’s full bio and leave comments about your memories of him at BethelCollege.edu/Cramer.

The Rev. James A. Bennett, Ph.D. (1937-)  

The Rev. James Allen Bennett, Ph.D (Walden University), was Bethel’s fourth president, serving the school for six years during a particularly challenging era. A 1961 graduate of Bethel, Bennett was a member of Bethel’s board of directors from 1975 to 1980, serving as chair the last two. Then he was hired as Bethel’s director of institutional advancement in 1980. As president, Bennett brought a number of changes to Bethel’s campus, and the Otto and Elizabeth Bowen Library was constructed under his leadership. He also enlarged the scope of the academic programs to meet the changing needs of the church and community, initiating a nursing program, the master of ministries and adult college programs for returning students. In 1986, the baseball team won the NCAA (I) equipment, the first in a flood of national titles for Bethel sports teams.

Read Bennett’s full bio and leave comments about your memories of him at BethelCollege.edu/Bennett.

Norman V. Bridges, Ph.D. (1938-2010)  

Norman V. Bridges, Ph.D. (University of Michigan), graduated from Bethel in 1960, returning next to serve variously as dean of students, professor of history and education, and as vice president for administration (1966-1976). He was named Alumnus of the Year in 1975. As president, Bridges increased the annual operating budget from under $3 million to approximately $30 million. The school more than tripled in enrollment to some 1,850 students. More than 40 academic programs were added, with innovative majors such as sign language interpreting. Lasting changes occurred during periods of internal revival in 1991 and 1994. Landmark building projects included Founders Village, the Davidsbir Nurse Wing, the Dining Commons addition, the Everest-Rohrer Chapel/Fine Arts Center, the Taylor Memorial Chapel, the Stokely Prayer Chapel, the Weinkamp Athletic Center, the Salol Residential Hall, the Miller/Moore Academic Center, the Jenkins Baseball Stadium, the Morey Soccer Field and the Bethel Bookstore.

Read Bridges’ full bio and leave comments about your memories of him at BethelCollege.edu/Bridges.

Bridges hands a diploma to Matt Walziger (’02) during the 2002 graduation ceremony.
**Sports Updates**

**Women’s Tennis**
The women’s tennis team is building upon the success they achieved last season in posting an impressive 13-8 record and competing at a very high level at the 2012 NCCAA National Championship Tournament in Mobile, Ala. And with all but one player returning from last year’s lineup, the 2012-13 campaign is an exciting one.

**Men’s Tennis**
The men’s tennis team kicked off their fall season hosting Spring Arbor University at Baker Park in Mishawaka. After graduating seven seniors from the 2011-12 squad, the youthful Pilots definitely have a new look to their team’s lineup. Returners include senior Caleb Hadden, junior Nathan Barrento, and a trio of sophomores in Trent Stout, Kevin Kinkel and Gavin McGrath.

**Volleyball**
Under the direction of first-year Head Coach Kevin Ulmer, the volleyball team plans to make some noise in the Crossroads League this season. Last year, the Pilots finished 18-16 and missed making a trip to the NCCAA Nationals by the slimmest of margins. Having a strong group of returners, Coach Ulmer is relying on their experience and leadership throughout the 2012-13 season.

**Women’s Cross Country**
The women’s cross country team returns five seniors with three-time NAIA National qualifier and NCCAA Ray Bullock Award winner Trisha Nelson leading the way. Fellow seniors Brittany Fabris, Jessica Layman, Katie Powell and Melanie Day, though a strong cast has returned with Sarah Henderson, Erin Devries and Laura Glass. Freshman Katie Hodelin and two-time NAIA All-American transfer Geandra Almeida will join the team. The ladies will compete six times this fall, including the NCCAA National Invitational.

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You may have heard him on the radio announcing for one of several athletic teams in the area, or perhaps you saw him in the press box wearing a headset at a Bethel Pilots game; or maybe you read his byline in Indiana Football Digest. No matter how you’ve been introduced to him, Paul Condry is a sports fan who takes pride in his work. It’s through this contact that Condry carries out his mission. “God’s put us in a very favorable position to share our faith through the interaction with players and coaches,” he says. “What we try to do is encourage them in their walk and build them up.”

**Women’s Tennis**
The women’s tennis team is building upon the success they achieved last season in posting an impressive 13-8 record and competing at a very high level at the 2012 NCCAA National Championship Tournament in Mobile, Ala. And with all but one player returning from last year’s lineup, the 2012-13 campaign is an exciting one.

**Men’s Tennis**
The men’s tennis team kicked off their fall season hosting Spring Arbor University at Baker Park in Mishawaka. After graduating seven seniors from the 2011-12 squad, the youthful Pilots definitely have a new look to the team’s lineup. Returners include senior Caleb Hadden, junior Nathan Barrento, and a trio of sophomores in Trent Stout, Kevin Kinkel and Gavin McGrath.

**Volleyball**
Under the direction of first-year Head Coach Kevin Ulmer, the volleyball team plans to make some noise in the Crossroads League this season. Last year, the Pilots finished 18-16 and missed making a trip to the NCCAA Nationals by the slimmest of margins. Having a strong group of returners, Coach Ulmer is relying on their experience and leadership throughout the 2012-13 season.

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Women’s Soccer

The women’s soccer team is excited about the 2012 season. Having lost only two starters from 2011, this experienced group is ready to bring home more wins this year. With two-time all-conference and team-leading scorer Nicole Steker ('14) returning, there is fire power up front. Seniors Meredith Martin, Kelsey Heckaman and Aimée Lawson are anchoring the defense with a mission of keeping opponents away from our goal.

Men’s Soccer

The men’s soccer program is ready to get back on the field after last year’s season was cut short in the second round of the MCC tournament by Grace College. Coach Thago Pinto (CR, ’07) lost seven seniors to graduation, but the Pilots still have a positive outlook in the 2012 campaign. Returning from last year’s team are All-Conference selections Joao Couto (’13) and Cody Traynor (’13), who will anchor the Pilots defense.

Conference Changes Name

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UPCOMING CONNECTION POINTS

February
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March
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April
May
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June
July

Alumni News

Lois Parranbeck, Director of Alumni Services

‘80s
Rannie Turner ’80 Heeres works as an assistant administra-
tor at her church, House of Prayer, and is the director of In His Presence Lay Counsel-
ing Ministry. She coordinates Discover Your Gifts Events, which involve personality blend, motivational gifts and passion focus surveys. Rannie speaks and leads worship at family camps across the coun-
try and makes special trips to other countries, including South Africa. Rannie and her husband make their home in Fayette, Ohio.

‘90s
The Rev. Joel ('95) and Sylvia Curtis relocated to the Philippines to serve in the remote region of Romblon Province, where God’s Spirit is moving greatly. They as-
sist pastors and churches in Christian leadership training, evangelistic outreach and ministry development.

Curtis and Kelly Cocker announce the birth of their daughter, Quinn Ashly, on Feb. 23, 2012. She joins sibling Jordan Christine (9 years). The family resides in Avondale, Ariz., where Curtis is stationed and serves at Luke Air Force Base as a Military Training Leader (MTL). Kelly serves as chair person for the Goodyear, Ariz., branch of Relay for Life.

‘00s
Carolyn Clapper (’03) is a seventh grade social studies teacher at Discovery Middle School and was named teacher of the year for the Penn-Harris-Madison School Corporation. Lavon enjoys using her memories of time spent in exotic places, like South Korea and China, to inspire students to learn about world history and culture. Her husband, Derrick Null (’01), is the technical director for the Evans-Rohrer Chapel Fine Arts Center on Bethel's campus.

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IN MEMORY

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Jeff Riedel (’06) works as patrol supervisor for the newly established campus safety and security department at Goshen College. Jeff makes his home in Goshen, Ind.

Brent (’00) and Jennifer (Dine ’05) Robbins announce the birth of their son, Riley Richard, on May 24, 2012. Riley joins older brother Kyle. The family resides in Benton Harbor, Mich.

Matthew and Elena

(Weimer ’06) Zimmerman joyfully announce the birth and adoption of their daughter, Anna Rose, on March 30, 2010.

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Jack B. Rubelik (’59), of Hopkins, Mich., died Feb. 12, 2012. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Doris (Layton ’59); four children, 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Jack taught at Northwest Middle School in Jackson, Mich., but his passion was teaching the Word of God. He was a member of Friendship Bible Church in Hopkins, Mich., where he served as a Bible teacher.

Charles “Chuck” Carpenter (’57) of Fort Wayne, Ind., died May 20, 2012. He served the Missionary Church denomination for 45 years, retiring in 2003. During that period on p. 27
Gene Carpenter was one of the most hospitable people I know. Beginning early in my career at Bethel, he regularly invited the younger religion and philosophy faculty to spend time with him. He made us feel valued, appreciated and welcomed. It was not uncommon for Gene to spend five or six days doing virtual nonstop research and writing, tirelessly crafting another commentary or translating another book of the Old Testament. But he was no workaholic, for after diving deep into his work for a short while, he was off to the lake or river to boat and fish, or to the Smokies with Joyce to reel and relax. One of my most memorable experiences with him was when he took my young son and me to the Man vs. Beast Bull Riding Championships in Michigan. We still laughed together years later about Whiplash the Cowboy Monkey, who stole the show riding a collie and trying to lasso the cows. Gene’s balanced lifestyle of serious scholarship and refreshing leisure was, and continues to be, an inspiration.

Gene was a truly unique individual, and he will long be remembered as a world-class scholar, a beloved teacher and a faithful friend.

--- Chad Meier, Ph.D., Professor of Philosophy

To read more, visit BethelCollege.edu/Carpenter.
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Bethel and taught at Walker
Ion School. She is survived by four children, four grandchildren and one
great-grandchild. She loved to read and travel and was
an active member of the First
United Methodist Church of
Plymouth.
> Erika Munoz (‘03) of Ben-
ton Harbor, Mich., died May 12,
at the age of 44. Born in
Bogota, Columbia, she moved
to the United States to study
nursing at Bethel College. She
loved her work as a critical
Care nurse at Lakeland Re-
ditional Medical Center in Saint
Joseph, Mich. Erika completed
the process to become an
American Citizen, but died
before her oath ceremony.
> Betty Jean Riffell (‘52),
of Greenville, Ohio, died Feb. 21,
2012. Betty is survived by her
husband of 69 years, Franklin
Plogging Riffell (‘52); five chil-
dren, including son, David E.
Riffell (‘75); 14 grandchildren
and 16 great-grandchildren.
Betty was an active member of
Greenville Missionary Church.
> Gaylord Miller Saltzgaber
(‘73) of South Bend, Ind., died
March 16, 2012, at the age of
90. Gaylord “Sally” loved fly-
fishing and music. A WWII vet,
he earned a bronze star for
his service in the Philippines.
Gaylord answered the call to
ministry after a 32-year career
at the South Bend Tribune and
served as pastor for three
United Methodist churches.
He earned a bachelor’s degree
at Bethel College, a Master
of Divinity degree from As-
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Seminaries in Elkhart, Ind., and
later a doctorate in theology.
Gaylord is survived by three
children, three grandchildren,
and two great-grandchildren.
> Ruth A. Singleton (‘63),
of Bryan, Ohio, died March 16,
2013. Ruth earned her Bache-
or of Science in Nursing from
Bethel. She was a member of
Bethlehem Christian Union
Church in Eden, Ohio. Ruth is
survived by her husband,
Joseph, one son and two
grandsons.
> John Joseph Taylor (‘67)
, of Mishawaka, Ind., April 17,
2012. John became the first
college graduate of his family
when he earned his Bachelor in Education
from Bethel in 1967. He taught
for the Mishawaka School
Corporation for 35 years. John
also coached multiple sports
throughout his career; which
included serving as Bethel’s
softball coach in the early
1990s. He is survived by his
wife, Janet; three sons and
seven grandchildren.

STARFISH PROJECT EXPANDS
Business continues to boom for Starfish Proj-
et, an international jewelry ministry cofounded
by Bethel alumnae Priscilla Pasquali (‘99) Daeger (pictured left) and Jenny Dyer (‘99) McGe-
Bethel Magazine first featured Starfish Project on
the fall 2009 cover, and since then the ministry, which is
dedicated to rescuing women once trapped in prostitution overseas,
moved its U.S. business from the basemen of Daeger’s Elkhart home to
an office in downtown Goshen, Ind.
Starfish in Asia, which is currently run by McGehee and her husband, has
registered as a larger corporation, enabling them to provide jobs with
dignity to tens as many women as before. The project has moved its
original shelter to a new location, doubling its capacity, and it’s opened
two additional shelters where exploited women receive lodging, medical
care, employment, Christian counseling and vocational training.
Currently, in Asia, there are
more than 30 full-time staff
more than half of whom are
women who have come out of
a life of exploitation. The U.S. office
has two full-time employees and 10
volunteers who rotate throughout the week.
Daeger recently stepped down as director of
the Starfish Project to spend time with
tamily Longtime Starfish employee Ashley
Flora has been promoted as the new director.
To learn more and purchase jewelry, visit
the Starfish Project website at Starfish-Project.com.
– Yonika Wills

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KEYED INTO BUSINESS & MINISTRY
When Bethel alumni Todd McLaughlin (‘10) and Jacob Borke (‘09) met as undergrads in 2007, they had no idea that five
years later they’d be running a business together.
After graduation, McLaughlin and Borke worked at a logistics company where McLaughlin quickly recognized, after working
with companies like Groupon, the need for a different kind of
company that would be beneficial to everyone.
That’s when they founded Village Key, an exclusive club that
negates discounts to members when they flash their green plastic
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“I thought Brooks was about to punch me” says McLaughlin.
Borke, on the other hand, hardly even noticed the “attacker”
 hiding in the office.
“Had it been a mugger, I would have been dead.”
The unique work environment at Village Key has impacted its
success. In a matter of months, Village Key has escalated toward
its goal of becoming nationwide, expanding from South Bend to
numerous Michiana cities and even Fort Wayne. Borke shares his
amazement of how quickly time has flown since his years at
Bethel.
“Two to three years ago, I was sitting in a classroom,” says Borke.
In what seems like a blink of an eye, Borke and McLaughlin
have gone from students to cofounders of their own business.
Though it is clear that they know how to have fun, McLaughlin
and Borke have dedicated 70-80 hours a week creating a busi-
ness that serves their neighbors. For this reason, they can be
confident that the seeds they sow in their business today will be
reaped in the years to come.
To learn more about Village Key, visit their website at
TheVillageKey.com

– Kellen Beutler (‘14)
When Pam Austin ('12) came to Bethel in 2009, she was deter-
minded to take just one speech class. She had worked in the bank-
ing industry all her life and at the time, was working as a senior
vice president and up for a promotion that would require her to
speak in public. It was recommended that Austin take a class.
Initially, she resisted hiring a speech coach instead. It was with
the prodding of that coach that Austin landed herself in a Satur-
day morning class with Associate Professor of English Maralee
Crandon, Ph.D.

That's when everything changed.

"I had this fabulous professor who thought outside the box
and really allowed us to bring creativity. She made the class so
fun and so interesting. It just led to another class. And that led to
another class," Austin says.

Before she knew it, Austin was taking three courses per week
and on her way to earning her bachelor’s degree in organizational
management.

"I expected to take one class, go back to my employer and say,
'OK, I'm ready for my promotion?' But it just wasn't that way. I fell in
love with learning," Austin says.

Austin also developed a new sense of self-confidence. Though
she’d climbed the corporate ladder without a degree, many of
her colleagues had their law degrees and most of them had their
master's. So Austin became quite adept at changing the subject
when asked, "Where did you go to school?"

"I guess I always felt 'less than' because I didn’t have my de-
gree," she says.

In the midst of working full time and taking classes, Austin was
approached by 1st Source Bank and offered a position as vice
president - private banker. She found 1st Source, a community
bank and proponent of lifelong learning, to be a good fit for her.
They were very supportive of her desire to continue working toward
her degree.

"With my newfound self-confi-
dence, I knew that, promotion or not, it was time to move on. I have
never been happier and I've never
looked back," Austin says.

This past spring, Austin felt
a great sense of pride when
she walked across the stage of
the Wiekamp Athletic Center
to receive her diploma. But she
isn't stopping with her bachelor's
degree. Austin has already enrolled in the master's program at
Bethel and hopes to one day work as an adjunct professor in the
nontraditional program.

"I was going to take one class
and I cannot believe that
I have my degree — and
I'm headed for
my master's."

— Lissa (Grashorn '07) Diaz

CALENDAR
OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER
2 Pilot Preview Day
1–3 Play: “A Midsummer Night's Dream”
6 Chamber Orchestra Concert
15 Band Concert
16 Jazz Percussion Night
30 Christmas Concert, “Nothing Is Impossible”

DECEMBER
1 Christmas Concert, “Nothing Is Impossible”

JANUARY
21 Pilot Preview Day
28–31 World Christian Action Conference

FEBRUARY
14–16 Musical: “Joseph and the Amazing
Technicolor Dreamcoat”
15 Pilot Preview Day

MARCH
15 “Zeitgeist!” The Collegians Concert
22 Jazz Coffeehouse Concert
21-22 Pilot Preview Days

A NEW DEGREE OF CONFIDENCE

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Finding His Way Through Philosophy

Christopher Copan Scott ('15) values his education — perhaps more than most. That’s because, for a time, the opportunity to go to school was taken from him.

When he was a junior in high school, a job loss left Scott’s mother unable to pay for his schooling or their home. It wasn’t long before she faced foreclosure and asked Scott to leave.

Instead of letting his circumstances get him down, Scott used them as an opportunity to learn. He began pouring himself into the study of philosophy. At church, he connected with a philosophy professor, who took him in as a son. This professor connected him to Bethel and Professor of Philosophy Chad Meister, Ph.D.

Scott was accepted into the Bethel Undergraduate Intellectual Leadership Development (BUILD) honors program and is majoring in philosophy.

“Bethel affords me the academic and spiritual flourishing that I need at this time in my life,” Scott says.

And not only has he found challenging academics at Bethel, Scott has also found a spirited community.